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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA DRAWS UP TARGETED SANCTIONS AGAINST BURMA

REF: A. CANBERRA 1457

[1](#)B. STATE 137644

Classified By: Deputy Political Counselor John W. Crowley for reasons 1  
.4 (b),(d).

This cable contains an action request - please see para 4  
below.

[1](#)1. (C) Jeannie Henderson, Director of the Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Burma Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, briefed poloff on the sanctions the Government of Australia is currently contemplating in response to the Burmese government's bloody crackdown on recent protests.

[1](#)2. (C) Sanctions will include denial of visas to senior members of the military regime and their families, as well as a prohibition against transfers of cash and other financial transactions between senior Burmese officials and persons or entities in Australia. Henderson noted that Australia lacked the legislative basis to seize assets so was not able to implement measures as robust as those adopted by the United States. Australia has not yet determined which officials should be subject to sanctions but is leaning toward adapting a list of almost 400 officials compiled by the European Union. Henderson requested name lists of Burmese whom the United States has determined as subject to sanctions to ensure that they are included on its list. She added that no major Australian banks or companies operate in Burma, thus limiting the range of actions available to the GOA.

[1](#)3. (C) Henderson noted that DFAT Deputy Secretary Gillian Bird had summoned the Burmese charge on September 28 to denounce Burma's treatment of peaceful demonstrators and to inform him of Australia's plans to introduce targeted sanctions. The charge took the dressing down without comment, she added.

[1](#)4. (C) ACTION REQUESTED: Embassy requests lists of Burmese officials currently subject to U.S. visa or financial sanctions, including from the Department of State, Treasury, and other entities, that we can share with the GOA to help ensure senior Burmese officials and their relatives are comprehensively covered by Australia's planned sanctions.

